(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Hyderabad DD has also been selected for the purpose; and

(d) if so, when it is going to be digitised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and
(b) Through satellite uplinking, Doordarshan already transmits programmes in digital mode in respect of the following 5 channels—DD-I, DD-II, DD News, DD Sports and DD India. However, in terrestrial mode, Doordarshan has planned digital transmission along with analog signals on experimental basis, from Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai Kendras during 2000-2001.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Banning Entry of Foreign Media

3134. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to move any broadcasting Bill;

(b) whether the ban on entry of foreign media is going to stay; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above is affirmative, how the domestic media industry would be saved from onslaught of foreign media ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and
(c) The Government proposes to bring before the Parliament a comprehensive legislation which will, inter-alia, provide for regulatory mechanism for various
aspects of broadcasting. However, the exact details are yet to be finalized and no time frame can be indicated for the same as yet.

Hindi Typewriters Under Various Departments

† 3135. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the name of such departments under his Ministry which don't have a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriters there so far; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchases of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) There is no such office under this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Hindi Typewriting devices are being progressively replaced by computers, The progress is reviewed in the meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee of the Ministry.

Bill Clinton's Address to Parliament

3136. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that we asked for an astronomic fee for the feed of live telecast of President Bill Clinton's address to the Joint House of Parliament the other day;

(b) how many agencies could subscribe to it and at what fee; and

(c) how does the fee prescribed compare with similar facility provided earlier to agencies abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Prasar Bharati have intimated that considering the additional deployment of hardware personnel and software, the fee prescribed compares favourably with similar facilities provided earlier.